

# State Interagency Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2022

2:00-3:30

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

## SIT System of Care Recommendations:

1. Address workforce challenges and stress by investing in retention and recruitment efforts that bring in individuals who provide mental health supports, developmental disability services and peer supports.
2. Respond to the additional stress and trauma that has resulted from the past two years of the pandemic for children and families.
3. Invest in community-based supports and services leveraging federal funds and grants.

**Present:** Cheryle Wilcox, Beth Sausville, Karen Price, Alicia Hanrahan, Barb Joyal, Keri Duquette-Hoffman, Kheya Ganguly, Laurel Omland, Keith Williams, Deb Forrett, Amy Lincoln Moore, Dana Robson, Danielle Bragg, Melanie D'Amico

**Regrets:** Sandi Yandow

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<b>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care</b> ( <i>staffing changes, new programming, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes</i> )	<p>Kheya Ganguly, Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Was on the news talking about <a href="#">mental health and health equity</a>— well done!</li><li>• Health Equity Advisory Comm – lots of work around social determinants of health, work with families, kids</li><li>• Substance Misuse Council – looking for youth reps</li></ul> <p>Karen Price, VFN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lots of people gone, hoping to have a new ED soon</li><li>• Running Fall workshops over the summer will send out the announcements for them</li></ul> <p>Cheryle Wilcox, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Reps - \$15 flowed through VFF – coming back to DMH with add'l funding from AOE to pay stipends, planning monthly mtgs to check in on this, will loop back to SIT with updates, more info to come about other Depts contributing</li></ul> <p>Laurel Omland, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobile Crisis – Rutland continues to be strong with their limited team</li><li>• State Planning grant – CMS seems to indicate that it can be extended for an additional year</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posting for additional mobile units – to launch Nov</li> <li>• Eating Disorders - legislative ordered working group- starting at the end of August – looking to add those with lived experience</li> <li>• Enhanced Federal Match is available to move some initiatives forward, including possible central database for children/youth coming through CRC</li> </ul> <p>Dana Robson, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMH children’s care mgmt. team is finally fully staffed</li> <li>• Lull of kids in crisis sitting in ED’s</li> <li>• Retreat has openings right now</li> <li>• Parity workgroup for Res. Tx funding – met for the first time this week</li> </ul> <p>Beth Sausville, FSD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Prevention Specialist position, Olivia Gaudreau, hoping she can join next month</li> <li>• Currently hiring for Policy and Planning Manager to report to Beth, FSD structure is shifting a bit</li> </ul> <p>Kerri, AHS Field Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Housing – no longer daily updates, monthly now, recent report – gave numbers of folks in agreement status, and those who are choosing to not enter into agreements, lots of great community efforts around this</li> <li>• 1800 households as of July 1 who need General Assistance; of those 1400 have occupancy agreements, 200 chose not to say in the hotel program</li> <li>• Losing another Field Director – Will Eberle, who will be the new ED at VAMHAR; he is done at the end of August</li> <li>• Doing 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews right now for position in NEK (this was Suzanne Legare Belcher’s position)</li> </ul> <p>Danielle Bragg, DVHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth in EDs-not a lot right now.</li> <li>• Enrolled Southcoast Behavioral Health. Opening a children’s unit around Thanksgiving.</li> <li>• ED per diem rate for those stuck</li> <li>• New CMO – Michael Rappaport</li> </ul>	<p>Cheryle will send Olivia SIT invites</p>

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<b>Howard Center SIT letter for discussion</b>	<b>Confidential Discussion</b>	Cheryle will write a letter back to the Chittenden LIT with our recommendations.
<b>Next Month's Mtg</b>	Cheryle and Beth away, will keep the mtg on the calendar in case a family needs to be presented, Laurel will check in and notify folks either way	
<b>Parent Reps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ? peer supports billing Medicaid</li> <li>- Training and support</li> <li>- Credentialling / Certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Thoughts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VFF and VFN talked about getting Medicaid but it was a really difficult process. Would be great to leverage Medicaid</li> <li>• Bill that went through Legislature around credentialling, but no funding attached to it</li> <li>• Value in having training and standards across the state</li> <li>• VDH utilized the HES team to deploy peers for COVID response</li> <li>• VFN in parent centers are source of support for parents of disabilities</li> </ul>	